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Happy Birthday



- 11 Nancy (of Liz)
- 12 Gil (of Bruce)
- 26 Jodi (of Jean)
- 28 Michal (of Renee')
- 31 David (of Stephen)
- Wayne (of Clarence)

Happy Anniversary



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| 3 | Clarence and Wayne's | 1st |
| 4 | Jodi and Jean's | 11th |
| 8 | Mandie and Lisa's | 16th |
| 8 | Glenn and Neal's | 11th |
| 16 | Bruce and Gil's | 7th |

us in! Lisa and I were there at 6:10 pm, games and cookies at the ready, only to find the place dark and locked. Well, we played Backgammon in the car until Margie and Elaine showed up about 6:45. At 7, Elaine phoned Juan to find out what we should do. At 7:40, after many phone calls, Elaine, Margie, and about 10 others, left in disgust. At 7:45 a maintenance man showed up to open the hall for us. He was very gracious and apologetic, and assured us that this oversight would be looked into. We thanked him, and the 22 of us that stuck out the wait, went in and had a wonderful (if shortened) evening. We settled into two groups, shared our goodies, and played games. One group played a gay trivia game and Taboo, while the other played Phase Ten, a great card game. At 10 we all cleaned up, said our good-bys and left. A great night, even, or maybe in spite of, the mix-up.



Carols Old and New

The Sacramento Women's Chorus will be presenting their Winter Concert on Saturday, December 9th (I know it's the same night as GSAC's Christmas party!) at

Saturday, November 10th, we had our general meeting at the Belle Coolidge Community Center. There was, however, a bit of a mix-up with our reservations. It seems that although Juan had reserved the center well in advance, they somehow lost the information! No one showed up to let

8pm, at the Pioneer Congregational Church. The theme is, 'Carols Old and New', and promises to be an enjoyable evening for all. If you would like further information, or would like to buy tickets, (\$5.00 each) give Mandie a call at 683-2298.

Christmas Eve with the San Francisco Men's Chorus

The San Francisco Men's Chorus annually puts on a spectacular Christmas Eve concert at the Castro Theater. The performance starts at 7 pm. If you are planning to attend, you should make reservations ASAP. You may call Don or Ken at 924-8890, for further information.



Victorian Christmas at Nevada City

Wednesday, December 13th from 6 to 9 pm, Nevada City turns back the clock to Victorian times of Christmas past. The whole downtown district is blocked off and lit up for Christmas. GSAC plans on attending the evening with it's roving bands of carolers, roasted chestnuts, hot cider, and Christmas crafts for sale. If you plan on attending and would like to arrange car-pooling, or a meeting place, please contact Al or Juan at 723-8644.

The last meeting of the 1995 GSAC board will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm. Our hostesses will be Ida and Sue. Please call to let them know if you will be attending. (689 1927) All members are invited and welcome to attend. We encourage all members that have been nominated for the 1996 board to attend.



GSAC'S Christmas Party

This year's annual Christmas party and gift exchange will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at Bell and Ethan Way. The festivities will begin at 6 pm. If you plan to attend, please bring a gift to exchange (value, \$20.00), cookies, candies, cake, or some other goodie to share. Bring an ornament so we can decorate the tree. Don't forget your ballot (if you didn't mail it), as there will be NO ballots available at the party. The ballots will be counted by our election committee, and we will learn the results of the voting. Holiday pictures (Polaroid) will be taken for a nominal fee of \$1.00.

Thanksgiving Feast

Once again Al and Juan opened their house for the best party of the year. On November 18th, 28 GSAC members and guests feasted on turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, various vegetable dishes, and several salads. (A favorite spinach salad recipe follows) Deviled eggs, homemade cranberry sauce, and fresh hot rolls rounded out the dinner menu. Fabulous pumpkin pies, poppyseed cake, blackberry cheesecake, and a raspberry gelatin dessert made with pretzels, were all hits for dessert. Our overstuffed thanks to Al and Juan, and all who attended, for a magnificent day of family togetherness.



DUE NORTH

The Sacramento Men's Chorus Holiday Concert is being presented on Saturday, December 16, at 8:00 PM, and Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00, and will be available at the GSAC holiday party from Don and Ken.

Tickets are also available at The Gifted Gardener, in Mid-town on J. St.

Tid Bits

Here is that wonderful salad recipe, courtesy of Keith and Ray.

Catalina Spinach Salad

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup ketchup
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
3 Tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 bags(10 oz. ea.)fresh spinach, torn
2 cans (8oz.ea.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
2 cups Chow Mein noodles
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
12 crisp bacon strips, crumbled
Combine the first 7 ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Shake well. Combine remaining ingredients in a large salad bowl. Add dressing and toss. Serve immediately. Serves 6-8.

THIS IS US

This month I decided to tell you something about Lisa and me. We met in Tucson, Arizona in May of 1979. I was visiting some friends, and was introduced to Lisa at a Women's club called simply, "Casa." I went back to S.F., but decided to move to Tucson in October. After some cat and mouse games, we got together permanently in December, 1979. I was a home health nurse for terminally ill patients, and Lisa had a courier business. Eventually, we both gave up our jobs, put

our worldly possessions into a newly bought van, and moved back to California. We lived in that van for 2 years, traveling all over the country. We settled in Red Bluff (YUK!) for 2 (MILLION) years. We eventually moved to Davis, when Lisa was offered a job at a Dixon school. Five years and two jobs later, we made our final move to Elk Grove. I retired from nursing, went back to college. I got my teaching credential in 1994, and am currently looking for a full time teaching position. Lisa is a high school Science teacher. We have raised three teenage boys together, (who are all grown now) and currently have my niece, Tiffany, who is 9, living with us. Well, that's us in a nutshell. Hope you didn't fall asleep!

AVALON and GSAC

This year, GSAC has been supporting AVALON, an alternative living space for persons with AIDS. GSAC members have donated many items, like cleaning supplies, and paper goods throughout the year. For December, GSAC members are being asked to support AVALON by purchasing warm robes for the residents. Don and Ken will be heading up this event, and taking the items to AVALON. Here are the details.

Purchase a robe for AVALON, sizes small and medium, and call Don and Ken to arrange to get it to them. The GSAC Christmas party would be an ideal time to bring it to Don and Ken. This is a great opportunity to team up with another couple, or a couple of couples, and purchase a robe. AVALON is hoping for 6 robes. Please call Don and Ken at 924-8890. If you don't wish to purchase a robe, but would like to donate some money toward a robe, call Don and Ken, they will do the shopping for you! This is an

excellent cause. The board chose to support AVALON house this year, and this is the final month. Let's help keep the residents warm.

As this may be our last newsletter (pending the out-come of the election), Lisa and I want to take this time to thank you all for your support, love and friendship. We have had a wonderful year, plus, of doing this newsletter, and although there have been some frustrations, we truly have enjoyed the job. We feel that in providing this service, not only are we more connected with our club, but that we have had the opportunity to get to know the membership more intimately than we would have as regular members. So, even though Lisa and I won't be at the Christmas party (I have a commitment to sing with the Women's Chorus), we want to wish you all the pleasures of the season, and good health, happiness, love and joy in the coming New Year.

Dinner out this month will be on
Wednesday, December 13th at
"Chooz - Pasta", 1230 20th St.

Menu is attached. Mandie and Lisa will be
your hosts; dinner at 7pm. Please
consider joining us, as we would enjoy
your company

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10	11 Nancy (of Liz)	12 Gil (of Bruce)	13 Victorian Christmas in Nevada City	14	15 Deadline for newsletter articles Sac. Men's Chorus concert	16 Bruce & Gil's 7th Sac. Men's Chorus concert
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24 SF Men's Chorus concert	25 Christmas	26 Jodi (of Jean)	27	28 Michal (of Renee)	29 "Homo for the Holidays" Lambda Players	30
31 Wayne (of Clarence) New Years Eve						

Statement of Purpose

Greater Sacramento Area Couples (GSAC) is an affiliate member of Couples National Network, Inc. Couples National Network's founding principle is providing social, educational, and humanitarian outreach to persons participating in lesbian or gay relationships. We do not have any specific religious or political affiliations. Our interest is in supporting the positive aspects of our relationships and the sense of stability that they represent for our community and lifestyle.

GSAC Committee Couples for 1995

Please call any of these couples if you desire more information about GSAC. You can also write to GSAC at Post Office Box 861, Sacramento CA 95812-0861.

Chair Couple	Al and Juan	Phone: (916) 723-8644
Vice Chair Couple	Ida and Sue	Phone: (916) 689-1927
Finance Couple	Nina and Sonya	Phone: (916) 726-3992
Newsletter Couple	Lisa and Mandie	Phone: (916) 683-2298
Publicity Couple	Fredrick and Mark	Phone: (209) 274-4036
Membership Couple	Elaine and Margie	Phone: (916) 726-3579
Activities Committee	Don and Ken	Phone: (916) 924-8890

Dues and Costs of Attending GSAC Events

GSAC couples pay dues of \$5 per month (paid semiannually) to cover the costs of the newsletter, meeting room, decorations, etc. As a result, regular monthly meetings and most events and functions are free to members. Nonmembers and guests may be asked to contribute a nominal fee to attend some events. Such fees will be indicated in the event description in the monthly newsletter.

If you wish to join GSAC, please contact the Finance Couple. Dues are prorated to expire on a common date (either April 1 or October 1). Also, there is a \$10 registration fee that covers personalized name tags for each new member.

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GSAC's Mailing List and Your Privacy

GSAC does not assist in the dissemination of data on its members. It is the policy and the practice of GSAC and Couples National Network, Inc. neither to publish last names, addresses, or phone numbers of members nor to release this information to anyone for any reason. Simply stated: We do not sell or give-away our membership list.

GSAC only uses first names in the monthly newsletter. We will not print your phone number in any article without prior approval. If you volunteer to host a function, we will not print your address in the newsletter. Rather, we will print the first names and telephone numbers (with prior approval) of the couple responsible for organizing the event. The organizing couple will give additional information and directions for the event.

Couples National Network — Parent Organization and Affiliates

This listing of our parent organization and affiliates is current as of the date of this newsletter. Contact any of these affiliates if you will be visiting one of these cities.

Couples National Network, Inc.,
Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
Contact Sandy and Janice (619) 692-1574

Alamo Couples,
Post Office Box 12446, San Antonio, TX 78212-2446
Contact Dayle and Raymond (210) 653-8348

Couples of Arizona,
Post Office Box 7144, Phoenix, AZ 85011-7144
Contact Carolyn and Evelyn (602) 253-5802

Couples of San Diego,
Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
Contact Q and Jo (619) 219-5757

Couples of Metro Dallas,
Post Office Box 803156, Dallas, TX 75380
Contact Davis and Arnold (214) 492-4606

Couples of Miami Valley,
Post Office Box 14004, Dayton, OH 45414
Contact John and Paul (513) 228-5352

Couples of San Francisco Bay Area,
P.O. Box 191745, San Francisco, CA 94119-1745
Contact Sam and Ted (415) 929-8402

Inland Empire Couples,
Post Office Box 3033, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-3033
Contact Tony and Tex (909) 783-7736

Couples of Pennsylvania (COPA),
1622 S. Bradock Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1638
Contact Bob and Harry (412) 371-6269

Bayshore Couples
750 Carolina Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
Contact David & David (408) 735-8777